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In the Application of Harvey, et al.)
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Application No. 10/037,547) Examiner: D. A. Walls
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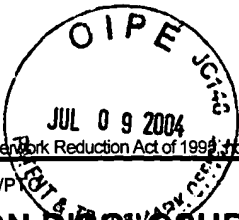
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